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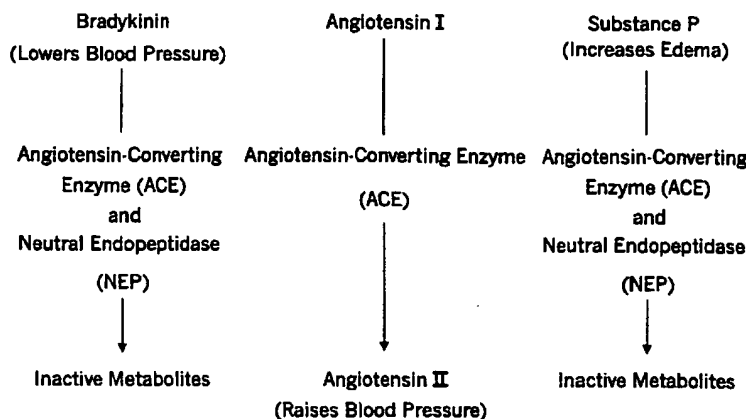
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Selected Portions of the Renin-Angiotensin System (RAS) and Substance P



(57) Abstract: Deficiencies in certain physiological pathways are linked with ACE or vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema. Additionally, detection and/or measurement of dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP IV) enzyme activity and aminopeptidase P (APP) enzyme activity is a predictor of this risk. The present invention provides biological markers, diagnostic tests, and pharmaceutical indications that are useful in the diagnosis and treatment of angioedema and in the marketing and safety of certain medications. This ability can be important for the treatment of a subject that is in need of or are taking an angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor and/or a vasopeptidase inhibitor (combined ACE and neutral endopeptidase (NEP) inhibitor), which are commonly used in the treatment of hypertension (high blood pressure), diabetes, and cardiac and renal diseases.

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Description

BIOLOGICAL MARKERS AND DIAGNOSTIC TESTS FOR ANGIOTENSIN
CONVERTING ENZYME INHIBITOR- AND VASOPEPTIDASE
INHIBITOR-ASSOCIATED ANGIOEDEMA

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Cross Reference to Related Applications

The present patent application is based on and claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/244,524, entitled "Biological Markers and Diagnostic Tests for Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor and Vaso-
10 Vaso-
peptidase Inhibitor Associated Angioedema", which was filed October 31, 2000 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Technical Field

The present invention relates generally to screening tests to
20 determine which patients are at risk for developing angioedema associated with inhibitors of angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) and/or combined ACE and neutral endopeptidase (NEP) inhibitors (a combined ACE/NEP inhibitor is referred to herein as a "vasopeptidase inhibitor"). More particularly, the present invention relates to an association between
25 dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP IV) and aminopeptidase P (APP) enzymatic activity and ACE and vaso-
peptidase inhibitor-related angioedema. The present invention also provides screening tests and kits to identify a subject who is at risk for ACE and vaso-
peptidase inhibitor-associated angioedema.

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Abbreviations

	ACE	angiotensin converting enzyme
	ACEI	angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor
	AGT	angiotensinogen
5	ANP	atrial natriuretic peptide
	APP	aminopeptidase P
	DPP IV	dipeptidyl peptidase IV
	HTN	hypertensive
	NCBI	National Center for Biotechnology Information
10	NEP	neutral endopeptidase
	NLM	National Library of Medicine
	NTN	normotensive
	OMIM	Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man
	RAS	renin-angiotensin system

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Background Art

Administration of angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors is common medical practice for the treatment of a variety of disease conditions, including: cardiac and renal diseases, diabetes, and hypertension (high blood pressure). Several combined ACE and neutral endopeptidase (NEP) inhibitors are presently under investigation or are awaiting regulatory approval for the treatment of the aforementioned disease conditions. However, the administration of an ACE and/or a vasopeptidase inhibitor (referred to herein as an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor) is contraindicated for subjects with a history of angioedema due to the potential severity of this side effect, which can be so severe as to result in death. Approximately 0.1% to 1.0% of the population receiving an ACE inhibitor is predicted to be susceptible to developing at least one episode of angioedema during treatment. This percentage might be even higher, especially for subjects taking a vasopeptidase inhibitor. Also, these inhibitors are often

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administered over long periods of time because the illnesses that they treat are often chronic conditions. This could increase the chances of a subject developing angioedema over a course of treatment.

Angioedema is an uncommon, but serious, side effect of ACE and
5 vasozeptidase inhibitors. Currently, it is not possible to accurately predict
which subjects are at risk to develop angioedema when taking an ACE or
vasozeptidase inhibitor; however it is known that approximately 0.1% to
1.0% or more of the subjects receiving an ACE or vasozeptidase inhibitor
will develop angioedema as a side effect. The variation in susceptibility to
10 vasozeptidase-associated angioedema depends, in part, on the subgroup of
the population that is analyzed. For example, African Americans are
particularly susceptible to ACE inhibitor associated angioedema.

In patients who develop angioedema while taking one of these
medications, it is difficult to determine if the angioedemic condition arose in
15 response to the medication or due to some other occurrence. For example,
certain allergic reactions can result in angioedema. The current standard in
practice is to employ a treatment other than an ACE/vasozeptidase inhibitor,
if a patient has a known history of angioedema, or to halt treatment with
ACE/vasozeptidase inhibitors if a patient presents with symptoms of
20 angioedema or it is learned after-the-fact that the patient has a history of
angioedema. Most practitioners, however, consider these alternative
therapies to be less effective in treating the original condition than
ACE/vasozeptidase inhibitor therapy.

What is needed, therefore, are tests, assays, and biological markers
25 for identifying patients that are at increased risk for developing angioedema
related to treatment with ACE/vasozeptidase inhibitors, as compared to the
general population or a matched population. Such assays would allow the
continued use of ACE/vasozeptidase inhibitors in subjects that have a
reduced susceptibility to angioedema and the rational regulation of their use
30 in susceptible subjects. The present invention solves these and other
problems, in part by providing biological markers and diagnostic tests and

kits that are preferably employed early on in treatment, thereby averting complications.

Summary of the Invention

- 5 A method of identifying a subject that is susceptible to developing an angioedemic condition during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor is disclosed. In a preferred embodiment, the method comprises (a) providing a biological sample obtained from a subject; (b) determining a dipeptidyl
- 10 peptidase IV activity in the biological sample; and (c) comparing a dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample to a standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity, wherein a 10% or more reduction in the sample activity compared to the standard indicates that the subject is susceptible to developing an angioedema during a course of treatment comprising
- 15 administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor. Preferably, the vasopeptidase inhibitor is an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor. It is also preferable that a 20% or more reduction in the sample activity compared to the standard indicates that the subject is susceptible and that the subject is a human.
- 20 A method of identifying a subject that is susceptible to developing an angioedemic condition during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor is disclosed. In a preferred embodiment, the method comprises: (a) providing a biological sample obtained from a subject; (b) determining an
- 25 aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample; and (c) comparing an aminopeptidase P activity activity in the biological sample to a standard aminopeptidase P activity, wherein a 10% or more reduction in the sample activity compared to the standard indicates that the subject is susceptible to developing an angioedema during a course of treatment comprising
- 30 administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor. Preferably, the vasopeptidase inhibitor is an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor. It is also preferable that a 20%

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or more reduction in the sample activity compared to the standard indicates that the subject is susceptible and that the subject is a human.

A method of determining contraindication for administration of one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopectidase inhibitor to an individual is disclosed.

- 5 In a preferred embodiment, the method comprises: (a) providing a biological sample obtained from a subject; (b) determining a dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample; and (c) comparing a dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample to a standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity, wherein administration of the vasopectidase inhibitor is contraindicated when
10 the dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample is outside the standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range.

A method of determining contraindication for administration of one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopectidase inhibitor to an individual is disclosed.

- In a preferred embodiment, the method comprises: (a) providing a biological
15 sample obtained from a subject; (b) determining an aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample; and (c) comparing an aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample to a standard aminopeptidase P activity, wherein administration of the vasopectidase inhibitor is contraindicated when the aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample is outside the standard
20 aminopeptidase P activity range.

A method of screening an individual for compatibility with an administration of one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopectidase inhibitor is disclosed. In a preferred embodiment, the method comprises: (a) providing a biological sample obtained from a subject; (b) determining a dipeptidyl
25 peptidase IV activity in the biological sample; and (c) comparing a dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample to a standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range, wherein administration of the vasopectidase inhibitor is contraindicated when the sample activity is outside the standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range, and wherein administration of the
30 vasopectidase inhibitor is indicated when the sample activity is either within or above the standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range. Preferably, the

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vasopeptidase inhibitor is an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor.

A method of screening an individual for compatibility with an administration of one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor is disclosed. In a preferred embodiment, the method comprises (a) providing a biological sample obtained from a subject; (b) determining an aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample; and (c) comparing an aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample to a standard aminopeptidase P activity range, wherein administration of a vasopeptidase inhibitor is contraindicated when the sample activity is below the standard aminopeptidase P activity range, and wherein administration of the vasopeptidase inhibitor is indicated when the sample activity is either equal to or above the standard aminopeptidase P activity range. Preferably, the vasopeptidase inhibitor is an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor.

A kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor is disclosed. In a preferred embodiment, the kit comprises: (a) a substrate of a dipeptidyl peptidase IV enzyme; (b) a buffer; (c) a reaction stop solution; and (d) a set of instructions comprising information on a standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range. Preferably, the article of manufacture further comprises a calibration solution for calibration of the reaction and the substrate is Gly-Pro-p-nitroanilide.

A kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor is disclosed. In a preferred embodiment, the kit comprises: (a) an aminopeptidase P enzyme substrate; (b) a dilution buffer; (c) a reaction stop solution; (d) a revelation buffer; and (e) a set of instructions comprising information on a standard aminopeptidase P activity range. Preferably, the article of manufacture further comprises a calibration solution for calibration of the reaction and the substrate is the peptide Arg-Pro-Pro.

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A kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor is disclosed. In a preferred embodiment, the kit comprises (a) a vasopeptidase inhibitor; and (b) a packaging material comprising information that the vasopeptidase inhibitor is contraindicated for individuals with a serum dipeptidyl peptidase IV enzyme activity outside a standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range.

5 A kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor is disclosed. In a preferred embodiment, the kit comprises (a) a vasopeptidase inhibitor; and (b) a packaging material comprising information that the vasopeptidase inhibitor is contraindicated for individuals with a serum aminopeptidase P enzyme activity outside a standard aminopeptidase P activity range.

10 Another kit is disclosed and in a preferred embodiment comprises a vasopeptidase inhibitor and a packaging material, wherein the packaging material includes information that the vasopeptidase inhibitor is contraindicated for individuals with a dipeptidyl peptidase IV enzyme activity below a normal range or is indicated for individuals with a dipeptidyl peptidase IV enzyme activity within a normal range.

15 Another kit is disclosed and in a preferred embodiment comprises a vasopeptidase inhibitor and a packaging material, wherein the packaging material includes information that the vasopeptidase inhibitor is contraindicated for individuals with an aminopeptidase P enzyme activity below a normal range or is indicated for individuals with an aminopeptidase P enzyme activity within a normal range.

20 A method of marketing a vasopeptidase inhibitor is disclosed and in a preferred embodiment, the method comprises providing information about a diagnostic test adapted to identify a subject that is susceptible to angioedema as a result of taking the vasopeptidase inhibitor during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor. Preferably, the vasopeptidase inhibitor is an

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angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, the diagnostic test comprises detecting an activity of a dipeptidyl peptidase IV enzyme or an aminopeptidase P enzyme in a biological sample from the subject, and the subject is a human. It is also preferable that the vasopeptidase inhibitor is a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor that the diagnostic test includes detecting an activity of a dipeptidyl peptidase IV enzyme or an aminopeptidase P enzyme in a biological sample from the subject, and the subject is a human.

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a novel method and article for identifying a subject that is susceptible to developing an angioedemic condition during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor. This and other objects are achieved in whole or in part by the present invention.

An object of the invention having been stated hereinabove, other objects will be evident as the description proceeds, when taken in connection with the accompanying Drawings and Laboratory Examples as best described hereinbelow.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a diagram depicting an overview of selected portions of the renin-angiotensin system (RAS) and a Substance P metabolic pathway.

Figure 2 is a diagram depicting an overview of angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor and neutral endopeptidase (NEP) inhibitor action on the systems/pathways described in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a diagram depicting the catalysis of angiotensin I to angiotensin II by ACE and includes the amino acid residue sequence (SEQ ID NOs:1 and 2) of each species and the major position for enzymatic cleavage of the angiotensin I amino acid residue chain.

Figure 4A is a diagram depicting the catalysis of bradykinin (SEQ ID NO:3) into inactive metabolites by ACE and NEP (arrows depict the sites of enzymatic cleavage; cleavage sites of the dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP IV)

and aminopeptidase P (APP) pathways for the degradation of bradykinin into inactive metabolites are indicated by dashed arrows).

Figure 4B is a diagram depicting the catalysis of substance P (SEQ ID NO:4) by ACE and NEP. The arrows depict the sites of enzymatic cleavage (a cleavage site of the DPP IV pathway for the degradation of substance P into inactive metabolites is indicated by a dashed arrow).

Figure 5 is a plot depicting DPP IV activity (in nanomoles/ milliliter/ minute or nM/ml/min) in a control population (Control), a population with ACE inhibitor (ACEI) associated angioedema (ACEI-associated), and a population treated with an ACE inhibitor but without angioedema (non-ACEI).

Brief Description of the Sequences in the Sequence Listing

SEQ ID NO: 1 is an amino acid sequence of a peptide fragment of angiotensin I.

SEQ ID NO: 2 is an amino acid sequence of a peptide fragment of angiotensin II.

SEQ ID NO: 3 is an amino acid sequence of a peptide fragment of bradykin.

SEQ ID NO: 4 is an amino acid sequence of a peptide fragment of substance P.

SEQ ID NO: 5 is a nucleotide sequence encoding human dipeptidyl peptidase IV.

SEQ ID NO: 6 is an amino acid sequence of human dipeptidyl peptidase IV.

SEQ ID NO: 7 is a nucleotide sequence encoding a soluble form of human aminopeptidase P.

SEQ ID NO: 8 is an amino acid sequence of a soluble form of human aminopeptidase P.

SEQ ID NO: 9 is a nucleotide sequence encoding a membrane-bound form of human amino peptidase P.

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SEQ ID NO: 10 is an amino acid sequence of a membrane-bound form of human amino peptidase P.

Detailed Description of the Invention

5 The present invention provides biological markers, diagnostic tests, clinical assays, and articles of manufacture (such as kits useful in the tests and assays) for identifying an increased risk for developing ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor-associated angioedema in a subject. The present invention also provides information for an appropriate course of
10 treatment for individuals taking ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor medications. The articles and methods of the present invention can also be employed to identify a subject that has a reduced risk for developing ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema.

 For example, by employing the articles of manufacture and methods
15 of the present invention, a physician can determine whether or not treatment with an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor is advisable based upon a risk that the subject might develop angioedema. Likewise, a physician caring for a subject that has been started on an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor can learn that the subject has a history of one or more events of angioedema
20 unrelated to ACE or vasopeptidase inhibitor treatment. The physician can employ the methods of the present invention to determine if the subject is susceptible to ACE/vasopeptidase associated angioedema. If not, or if the risk is low, then the physician can continue treatment with the ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor. If the subject is determined to be susceptible
25 to developing ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor angioedema, the physician can discontinue treatment with the ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor, or can optionally select an alternative mode of treatment.

 In another situation, a subject might present with angioedema while being treated with an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor. In this case, the
30 physician typically would discontinue treatment with the ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor until the angioedemic condition is resolved. The methods and articles of the present invention can be employed to determine whether the

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angioedema resulted from the administration of the ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor or if it is likely to be due to another cause, whether defined or undefined. If the determination by the present invention is that the cause is not due to administration of the ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor, then the physician can restart treatment with an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor. If the determination by the present invention is that the cause is due to administration of the ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor (or likely due), then the physician can select an alternative mode of treatment (ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitors are contraindicated in this latter situation).

10 In another example, during the research, development, and/or manufacture of an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor compounds, a pharmaceutical company or other entity can employ the methods and articles of the present invention to evaluate the safety of the compounds. Alternatively, the entity might desire to screen test populations in order to
15 identify subjects that are at increased risk of developing serious side effects, such as angioedema, associated with the administration of the compound(s) being tested. This can make the testing period more safe for the subjects being evaluated. Moreover, the present invention can reduce the possibility of negative consequences from the sale of ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitors
20 because, after a assessment performed with the methods and articles of the present invention, the ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitors can be contraindicated for the populations that are most at risk.

In addition to the market for treatment of humans, ACE and/or vasopeptidase inhibitors are used to treat similar illness in pets, livestock
25 and show animals and the methods and compositions of the present invention are generally applicable to these other mammals. The occurrence of angioedema as a side effect, even in a relatively small fraction of the population being treated with ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitors, has serious consequences in the marketability of these drugs and the availability of these
30 drugs to the approximately 99% of the treated population that does not develop angioedema.

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Animals so treated can be warm-blooded vertebrates, for instance, mammals and birds. More particularly, the animal can be selected from the group consisting of rodent, swine, bird, ruminant, and primate. Even more particularly, the animal can be selected from the group consisting of a

5 mouse, a rat, a pig, a guinea pig, poultry, an emu, an ostrich, a goat, a cow, a sheep, and a rabbit. Most particularly, the animal can be a primate, such as an ape, a monkey, a lemur, a tarsier, a marmoset, or a human.

Thus, provided is the treatment of mammals such as humans, as well as those mammals of importance due to being endangered (such as

10 Siberian tigers), of economical importance (animals raised on farms for consumption by humans) and/or social importance (animals kept as pets or in zoos) to humans, for instance, carnivores other than humans (such as cats and dogs), swine (pigs, hogs, and wild boars), ruminants (such as cattle, oxen, sheep, giraffes, deer, goats, bison, and camels), and horses.

15 Also provided is the treatment of birds, including the treatment of those kinds of birds that are endangered, kept in zoos, as well as fowl, and more particularly domesticated fowl, *e.g.*, poultry, such as turkeys, chickens, ducks, geese, guinea fowl, and the like, as they are also of economical importance to humans. Thus, provided is the treatment of livestock,

20 including, but not limited to, domesticated swine (pigs and hogs), ruminants, horses, poultry, and the like.

I. Definitions

Following long-standing patent law convention, the terms "a" and "an" mean "one or more" when used in this application, including the claims.

25 The term "about", as used herein when referring to a measurable value such as an amount of activity, weight, time, dose, etc. is meant to encompass variations of $\pm 2\%$, even more preferably $\pm 1\%$, and still more preferably $\pm 0.1\%$ from the specified amount, as such variations are appropriate to perform the disclosed method.

30 As used herein, the terms "biological marker" and "biomarker" are used interchangeably and carry the meaning as understood by one of

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ordinary skill in the art. The term specifically encompasses a testable or measurable indicator that can be linked or associated with a phenotype or trait. The indicator can be enzymatic, genetic, biochemical, physiological, or other form as known in the art.

- 5 As used herein, the term "ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor" means an inhibitor of ACE and/or an inhibitor of vasopeptidase. Thus, an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor can comprise an ACE inhibitor and/or a combined ACE and NEP inhibitor.

- 10 As used herein, the term "ACE inhibitor" means an inhibitor of angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE).

- As used herein, the term "health care provider" is known in the art and specifically includes a physician, a person with authority to prescribe a medication (whether directly or indirectly), and a veterinarian. In certain embodiments, a health care provider includes an individual that provides a medication without prescription, such as in providing an over-the-counter medication.

- As used herein, the terms "identifying subjects" and "diagnosing" are used interchangeably with regard to the detection of a "predisposition", "increased propensity", "risk", "increased risk", and the like. The terms specifically encompass identifying the propensity for a subject to develop ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema.

- As used herein, the terms "standard", "normal range", "control range", and "clinical range" have normal meanings as known in the art. As used herein, these terms do not apply to DPP IV or APP enzyme activity in populations that have ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema at the time of detection or measurement. The terms "subject range" or "experimental range" and the like are descriptive of enzyme activity ranges in subjects or patients with ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema (acute or in the patient history). One of ordinary skill in the art can determine the clinical ranges for a given population and numerous clinical ranges and standards are known in the art for a variety of enzyme activities.

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As used herein, the terms "vasopeptidase enzyme" and "vasopeptidase" are used interchangeably and include, but are not limited to, angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) and neutral endopeptidase (NEP). Other vasopeptidases will be known to those with skill in the art.

- 5 As used herein, the term "vasopeptidase inhibitor" includes, but is not limited to, compounds that inhibit both ACE and neutral endopeptidase (NEP).

As used herein, the term "ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor" means an ACE inhibitor and/or a vasopeptidase inhibitor.

- 10 As used herein, the term "contraindicated" means a symptom or condition that makes a treatment, procedure, or administration of a medication inadvisable.

- As used herein, the terms "detecting" and "detect" are used interchangeably and mean qualitative and/or quantitative determinations, including measuring an amount of enzyme activity in terms of units of activity or units activity per unit time, and the like.
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- As used herein, the terms "standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity" and "standard aminopeptidase P activity" mean an activity that represents an average measurement of the APP and DPP IV activities of a number of individuals. The activities can be measured by employing activity assays such as those disclosed herein. A standard activity can be employed as a benchmark against which an activity observed in a sample is gauged.
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- As used herein, the term "angioedemic condition" means a condition in a subject comprising at least the onset of symptoms consistent with a clinical diagnosis of angioedema. An angioedemic condition can comprise symptoms and effects peripherally associated with angioedema or symptoms and effects arising as a result of the onset or presence of angioedema.
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- The term "subject" as used herein refers to any invertebrate or vertebrate species. The methods of the present invention are particularly
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useful in the treatment of warm-blooded vertebrates. Thus, in a preferred embodiment, the invention concerns mammals and birds.

II. General Considerations

Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and vasopeptidase
5 inhibitors are indicated for the treatment of hypertension, congestive heart failure, diabetic neuropathy, coronary artery disease, and certain other conditions. In addition, considerable research efforts are ongoing to further improve treatment of these conditions with ACE and vasopeptidase inhibitors and to identify new inhibitors. These are medically important drugs with
10 large markets for the treatment of humans and other mammals.

The present invention provides biological markers, diagnostic tests, assays, kits, and pharmaceutical indications which are useful for identifying individuals susceptible to developing angioedema associated with treatment by an angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or a vasopeptidase
15 inhibitor. The markers, tests, assays, kits and indications described herein, are generally applicable to humans and other mammals.

It will be understood that the methods and articles of the present invention can be employed to identify subjects or individuals that are compatible with administration of ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitors. For these
20 subjects, ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor treatment might be indicated depending on their need for such treatment as determined by one of ordinary skill in the art.

II.A. Angiotensin Converting Enzyme

Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) catalyzes the cleavage of
25 angiotensin I into angiotensin II, which has an activity of raising blood pressure (see Figure 1). ACE and NEP catalyze the degradation of bradykinin and substance P into inactive metabolites. NEP also catalyzes the degradation of atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP) into inactive metabolites. In contrast to angiotensin II, bradykinin and ANP have an activity of lowering
30 blood pressure. Therefore, the use or administration of an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor generally results in a reduction in blood pressure because these inhibitors reduce angiotensin II production and

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increase bradykinin and/or ANP concentrations by inhibiting their degradation into inactive metabolites (see Figure 2). Included in the many additional applications of ACE inhibitors are the treatment of cardiac diseases, renal diseases, and diabetes. Vasopeptidase inhibitors are also
5 under investigation for use in these conditions and are awaiting regulatory approval. The clinical effectiveness of these inhibitors might result from influences on multiple physiological pathways, however, and the present invention is in no way bound by theory or mechanism.

The ACE enzymatic pathway is the primary pathway for angiotensin II
10 formation and bradykinin degradation (see Figure 3). Alternative pathways have been identified for the degradation of both bradykinin and substance P, however (see Figures 4A and 4B). These pathways comprise the degradation of bradykinin by the aminopeptidase P (APP) and dipeptidyl
15 DPP IV. In general, the contribution of the alternative DPP IV and APP pathways could, but not necessarily, increase during ACE/vasopeptidase inhibition for individuals that are at a reduced risk of angioedema ("non-ACEI") even in comparison to normotensives ("Control", see Figure 5). On the other hand, individuals with increased angioedema risk ("ACEI-
20 associated") show a reduction alternative pathway activity (for example, DPP IV).

II.B. Angiotensin Converting Enzyme and Vasopeptidase Inhibitors

As noted, ACE acts on converting angiotensin I to angiotensin II. Angiotensin II increases blood pressure and is considered a main cause of
25 essential hypertension. A variety of studies have been directed to substances inhibiting ACE actions, primarily addressing the suppression of a rise in blood pressure.

Therapeutic vasodepressors such as CAPTOPRIL™ and D-2-methyl-3-mercaptopropanoyl-L-proline have been synthesized as ACE inhibitors.
30 Additional ACE inhibitors available commercially include ENALAPRIL™, ENALAPRILAT™, QUINAPRIL™, RAMIPRIL™, CILAZAPRIL™, DELAPRIL™, FOSENOPRIL™, ZOFENOPRIL™, INDOLAPRIL™,

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LISINOPRIL™, PERINDOPRIL™, SPIRAPRIL™, PENTOPRIL™, PIVOPRIL™, and known pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. From foodstuff, peptides having ACE inhibiting activities have been separated through enzymatic hydrolysis of casein (Japanese Laid-Open Patent
5 Publication Nos. 62-270533, 64-5497, 64-83096) and soybean protein (Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication Nos. 3-1671981).

Synthetic ACE inhibitors exhibit strong activities, and can exhibit adverse effects (such as angioedema). ACE inhibitory peptides derived from casein or soybean protein have been developed with expectation of low
10 toxicity and high safety, even though they exhibit low activities. Recent studies, therefore, have been focused on separating ACE inhibitors from foodstuff materials and manufacturing them on a large scale by chemical synthetic methods.

An ACE inhibitor derived from food protein was first reported in 1979
15 by Oshima et al. (Oshima et al., (1979) *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 556: 128). Since then over 40 ACE inhibitory peptides have been disclosed to date (see, e.g., Ariyoshi, (1993) *Trends Food Sci. Tech.*, May, 1993, p. 139). A number of ACE inhibitory peptides have been derived from foodstuff such as sour milk (Nakamura et al., (1995) *J. Dairy Sci.* 78: 777), tuna tissue
20 (Kohama et al., (1988) *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm.* 155(1): 332), sardine muscle (Matsuda et al., (1992) *Nippon Nogeigaku Kaishi* 66(11): 1645), oyster protein (Matsumoto et al., (1994) *Nippon Shokuhin Kogyo Gakkaishi* 41(9): 589), *Ficus carica* (Maruyama et al., (1989) *Agric. Biol. Chem.* 53(10): 2763), and rice (Muramoto & Kawamora, (1991) *Food Ind.* 34(11): 18).
25 Furthermore, numerous patent applications have been filed in relation with ACE inhibitory peptides, including synthesized inhibitors as well as those isolated from natural products See e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,449,661; 5,071,955; 4,692,459; 4,585,758; 4,512,979; 4,191,753; 3,832,337; and European Patent No. EP174162.

30 II.C. Angioedema

It has been observed that treatment with ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitors is associated with the development of angioedema in a small

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percentage of individuals. The affected population accounts for approximately 0.1% to approximately 1.0% of patients receiving treatment with ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitors and appears to be more prevalent among African Americans than Caucasian Americans.

- 5 In general, angioedema is a swelling of tissue and especially affects the lips and other parts of the mouth, throat, larynx, eyelids, genitals, hands, and feet. Angioedema of the mouth, tongue and larynx can be life threatening especially when severe swelling makes breathing difficult.

10 The present inventor has discovered that deficiencies in the dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP IV) and aminopeptidase P (APP) enzymatic pathways are related to vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema. For example, the present inventor discovered that DPP IV and/or APP activity is reduced in individuals with ACE associated angioedema compared to activity in patients with hypertension who have been treated with an ACE inhibitor but have not
15 had angioedema.

III. Biological Markers

20 The present invention provides biological markers (also known as biomarkers) for identifying subjects or individuals with a susceptibility to ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema. For example, as described herein, a low DPP IV serum enzymatic activity is associated with an increased risk that an individual will develop angioedema if an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor is administered. In another example, as described herein, a low APP serum enzymatic activity is associated with an increased risk that an individual will develop angioedema if an
25 ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor is administered. Thus, biological markers specifically encompasses a testable or measurable indicator that can be linked or associated with a phenotype or trait. The indicator can be enzymatic, genetic, biochemical, physiological, or other form as known in the art. Summarily, a biological marker or a biomarker demonstrates a
30 correlation between a first condition and a second condition.

 In one aspect of the present invention, dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP IV) activity is a biological marker for ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated

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angioedema. In another aspect of the present invention, aminopeptidase P (APP) activity is a biological marker for ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema. In general, the activity of either enzyme is preferably detected in a biological sample of the subject, and more preferably a serum sample. In certain embodiments, other useful biological samples include, but are not limited to: tissue, biopsy, interstitial fluid, feces, urine, whole blood, and epithelium. The biological samples can be collected and processed according to methods known in the art for measuring enzymatic activity (or with adaptations as would be apparent from the disclosure hereof).

In certain embodiments, the level of enzymatic activity can be measured qualitatively and, in other embodiments, the level of enzymatic activity can be measured quantitatively. In certain embodiments for the evaluation of ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema, DPP IV activity can be measured and analyzed; in other embodiments APP activity can be measured and analyzed; and in yet other embodiments, both DPP IV and APP activities can be measured and analyzed. The same is true for qualitative detection of the biological markers. Several assays are described in the Examples. In general, a qualitative assay can include a reaction substrate that is placed in the biological sample and reacted with the DPP IV and/or APP enzyme present in the sample. The reaction substrate can change colors, for example, if the examined activity is too low/high by a relative amount, and a color change can indicate detection of activity. The reaction substrate can be compared to a similar substrate preparation reacted with a control or standard. In certain embodiments, DPP IV and/or APP enzymatic activity in a biological sample obtained from a subject can be measured *in vitro* and in other embodiments, it can be measured *in vivo*. In general, the measured activity is inversely proportional to the risk for ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema. Laboratory Example 1 demonstrates the use of DPP IV as a biological marker in the context of the present invention.

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In certain embodiments, a health care professional can test a subject for risk for developing an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema by a method comprising: detecting or measuring a serum DPP IV and/or APP activity; administering the ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor for a
5 time sufficient to inhibit ACE and/or NEP activity; and then detecting or measuring the serum DPP IV and/or APP activity again, for example, after a period of time has lapsed.

In certain aspects of this embodiment, an increase in DPP IV and/or APP activity indicates that the subject has a low risk for developing
10 ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema. In certain other embodiments, a decrease in DPP IV and/or APP activity indicates that the subject has a high risk for developing ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, a DPP IV and/or APP activity that does not significantly change indicates that the
15 subject has an intermediate to high risk for developing ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema.

A subject's risk of developing an angioedemic condition can be analyzed at any time, for example, when considering administering an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor to the subject or after the administration has
20 commenced. Also, the diagnostic tests described herein (which can rely on one or more biological markers) can be employed to evaluate the cause of angioedema in a patient that is currently taking an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor.

IV. ACE Inhibitors and Vasopeptidase Inhibitors

25 ACE inhibitors can differ in the chemical structure of their active moieties, in potency, in bioavailability, in plasma half-life, in route of elimination, in their distribution and affinity for tissue-bound ACE, and in whether they are administered as prodrugs. The same can be true for vasopeptidase inhibitors. Those of ordinary skill in the art recognize that the
30 side effects of ACE inhibitors can be divided into those that are class specific and those that relate to specific agents. ACE inhibitors decrease systemic vascular resistance without increasing heart rate and they promote

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natriuresis. ACE inhibitors have proved effective in the treatment of hypertension. ACE inhibitors also decrease mortality in congestive heart failure and left ventricular dysfunction after myocardial infarction, and they delay the progression of diabetic nephropathy.

- 5 Certain examples of known and commercially available ACE inhibitors are listed in Table 1. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but merely exemplary of certain ACE inhibitors that can be employed in treating subjects in need of treatment therewith. An example of a vasopeptidase inhibitor in development includes omapatrilat (brand name VANLEV™ by
- 10 Bristol-Meyers Squibb).

TABLE 1
Marketed ACE Inhibitors

Compound Name (Generic Drug)	Brand Name	Company (Maker of Brand Name)
Captopril	CAPOTEN	
Enalapril	VASOTEC	Merck
Lisinopril	ZESTRIL	Zeneca
Lisinopril	PRINIVIL	Merck
Benazepril	LOTENSIN	Novartis
Quinapril	ACCUPRIL	Parke-Davis
Ramipril	ALTACE	Monarch
Trandolapril	MAVIK	Knoll (Roussel Uclaf)
Moexipril	UNIVASE	Schwartz
Fosinopril	MONOPRIL	BMS
Perindop	ACESRI	Solva

V. ACE/Vasopeptidase Inhibitor-Associated Angioedema

- 15 ACE inhibitors have been shown to reduce mortality in patients with congestive heart failure, diabetic nephropathy, and coronary artery disease.

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In addition to ACE inhibitor-produced effects in reducing angiotensin II production, evidence from both animal studies and human studies indicate that cardioprotective effects of ACE inhibitors derive in part through potentiation of the effects of bradykinin (Gainer et al., (1998) *New Engl. J. Med.* 339: 1285-92, incorporated herein by reference). Another group of drugs have been identified with combined ACE/NEP inhibitory effects (these drugs are included in the meaning of the term "vasopeptidase inhibitors"), that block degradation of bradykinin and substance P through two pathways and also block the degradation of atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP). These combined ACE/NEP inhibitor medications appear to be particularly effect in lowering blood pressure in hypertensive African Americans.

While it is not the inventor's desire to be bound to theory or mechanism, it is postulated that some aspect of bradykinin and/or substance P plays a role in potentiating angioedema (Emanueli et al., (1998) *Hypertension* 31:1299-1304; Kim et al., (2000) *J. Pharm. Exp. Ther.* 292: 295-298; Ersahin et al., (1997) *J. Cardiovasc. Pharm.* 30: 96-101; Blais et al., (1999) *Immunopharmacology* 43: 293-302; Blais et al., (1999) *Peptides* 20: 421-430; Damas et al., (1996) *N-S Arch. Pharmacol.* 354: 662-669, all of which are incorporated herein by reference). For example, an over accumulation of bradykinin and/or substance P might help potentiate ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema. Thus, using this example, it is postulated by the inventor that inhibition of bradykinin and/or substance P breakdown by ACE or combined ACE/NEP inhibitor action has beneficial effects up to a point; however, certain individuals appear to have an inability to clear an excessive accumulation of bradykinin and/or substance P leading to an increased risk of developing angioedema.

The risk of ACE inhibitor-associated angioedema is increased in African Americans compared to Caucasians, suggesting that genetic factors can modulate risk of angioedema (Brown et al., (1996) *Clin. Pharmacol. Ther.* 60: 8-13, incorporated herein by reference). Also, the inventor has observed that there is a large number of transplant recipients among the patients with angioedema. Again, without being bound to any theory or

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mechanism, the inventor hypothesizes that cyclosporin A, which is commonly used to treat transplant patients and also inhibits serum DPP IV activity (Scharpe et al., (1990) *Clin. Chem.* 36: 984), results in ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor associated angioedema in transplant recipients.

- 5 Thus, a genetic and/or an acquired defect in the aminopeptidase P and/or dipeptidyl peptidase IV pathways, which serve as alternative pathways for the degradation of bradykinin and substance P, are described herein to predispose patients to the development of ACE inhibitor or vasopeptidase inhibitor angioedema.

10 VI. Peptide, Polypeptide and Polynucleotide Components of the Present Invention

A variety of biological information including nucleotide and peptide sequence information is available from public databases provided, for example, by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) located at the United States National Library of Medicine (NLM). The NCBI is located on the world wide web at the URL "<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>" and the NLM is located on the world wide web at the URL "<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>". The NCBI website provides access to a number of scientific database resources including: GenBank, PubMed, Genomes, 20 LocusLink, Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM), Proteins, and Structures. A common interface to the polypeptide and polynucleotide databases is referred to as Entrez which can be accessed from the NCBI website on the World Wide Web at URL "<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Entrez/>" or through the LocusLink website.

- 25 The following subsections disclose a plurality of molecules that can form an element of the present invention. This discussion is not meant to be an inclusive list of molecules that can form a component of the present invention. The following subsections are included to provide additional detail regarding components of the present invention, as well as to help illustrate 30 how the various molecules relate to one another *in vivo*.

VI.A. Angiotensin I and Angiotensin II

The following summary is available in the NCBI LocusLink database:

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The human AGT gene product, pre-angiotensinogen, is expressed in the liver and is cleaved by the enzyme renin in response to lowered blood pressure. The resulting product, angiotensin I is then cleaved by angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) to generate the physiologically active enzyme [sic, peptide] angiotensin II. Human pre-angiotensinogen is encoded by two mRNAs that differ only in the length of the 3'-untranslated region due to postulated use of two polyadenylation sites. There may also be alternative initiation codons (nucleotides 40-42 and 67-69). AGT is involved in maintaining blood pressure and in the pathogenesis of essential hypertension and preeclampsia.

The *Homo sapiens* Official Gene Symbol and Name is: AGT: angiotensinogen. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, angiotensin I comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

The hormone angiotensin II is recognized as one of the most potent vasopressor agents that produces hypertension in mammals. The action of the enzyme renin on the plasma protein substrate angiotensinogen results in the production of an inactive decapeptide, angiotensin I, which upon conversion by the non-selective angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) provides angiotensin II, the active hormone. See e.g., Regoli et al., (1974) Pharm. Rev. 26: 69.

Angiotensin II causes vasoconstriction and stimulates aldosterone secretion (from the adrenal gland) that results in a rise of both blood volume and pressure. Inhibitors of angiotensin II are therefore useful in treating hypertension, congestive heart failure, renal insufficiency associated with diabetic or hypertensive nephropathy, and glaucoma. See e.g., Garrison et al., in The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics, 8th Edition, (Gilman, Goodman, Rall, Nies, and Taylor, eds), Pergamon Press, New York, 1990: p. 761-762; and Dza, (1991) New Engl. J. Med. 324: 1124-1130.

Angiotensin II also can act on other organs such as the brain (Fitzsimmons, (1980) Rev. Physiol. Biochem. Pharmacol. 87: 117.

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Antagonists of angiotensin II are therefore useful in enhancing cognitive performance in patients affected by conditions such as age associated mental impairment or Alzheimer's disease, and in treating cognitive disorders such as anxiety. See e.g., Dennes et al., (1992) *Brit. J. Pharmacol.* 105: 88; and Barnes et al., (1991) *FASEB J.*, 5: 678.

In addition, angiotensin II acts on a variety of glandular tissues including the kidney, liver, and ovaries. Antagonists of angiotensin II are useful in treating conditions, disorders, or diseases of these tissues associated with excessive or unregulated angiotensin II activity. Antagonists of angiotensin II are also useful in treating kidney damage due to non-steroidal antiinflammatory agents.

Angiotensin II has a role in regulation of the rate of cell growth and differentiation. Inhibitors of angiotensin II are therefore useful in treating disorders marked by excessive cell proliferation such as restenosis. See, e.g., Naftilan et al., (1989) *J. Clin. Invest.* 83: 1419, Kauffman et al., (1991) *Life Sci.* 49: 223-228, and Jackson et al., (1988) *Nature* 335: 437. Angiotensin II is formed in the human body through proteolysis of angiotensin I (Ang I) primarily through the action of angiotensin-converting enzyme (see Figure 1). In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, angiotensin II comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

VI.B. Bradykinin

Bradykinin is a nonapeptide generated as a result of the activity of kallikreins, a group of proteolytic enzymes present in most tissues and body fluids, on kininogens. Once released, kinins produce many physiological responses, including pain and hyperanalgesia by stimulating C- and A-fibers in the periphery. There is also considerable evidence that kinins contribute to the inflammatory response.

Bradykinin, and its physiologically important related peptides kallidin (Lys-bradykinin) and Met-Lys-bradykinin, exhibit physiological actions which qualify them as mediators of inflammatory reactions, hypotensive states, and pain. Bradykinin is overproduced in pathological conditions such as septic shock, anaphylaxis, rhinitis, asthma, inflammatory bowel disease, and

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certain other conditions including acute pancreatitis, post-gastrectomy dumping syndrome, carcinoid syndrome, migraine, and angioneurotic edema. The production of bradykinin from the plasma results in pain at the site of the pathological condition, and the overproduction intensifies the pain
5 directly or via bradykinin-induced activation of the arachidonic acid pathway which produces prostaglandins and leukotrienes, the more distal and actual mediators of inflammation.

In addition to its analgesic and proinflammatory effects, bradykinin is a vasodilator. Because of its ability to lower blood pressure, bradykinin has
10 been implicated in the pathogenesis of several shock syndromes, particularly septic or endotoxic shock. Bradykinin is also a potent bronchoconstrictor in animals and asthmatic subjects and it has been implicated as a contributor to the pathogenesis of airway inflammatory conditions such as allergic asthma and rhinitis. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention,
15 bradykinin comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3

Summarily, bradykinin increases vascular permeability, dilates blood vessels, increases blood flow, contracts non-vascular smooth muscle (e.g., bronchial), stimulates pain, and lowers blood pressure (hypotensive). These are also cardinal signs of inflammation. Bradykinin is formed by the
20 cleavage of kininogen by the enzyme kallikrein, and is rapidly cleared in the mammalian body by cleavage into inactive metabolites (see Figure 1) primarily by angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) and neutral endopeptidase (NEP).

VI.C. Substance P

25 Substance P is a naturally occurring undecapeptide belonging to the tachykinin family of peptides, the latter being so-named because of their prompt stimulatory action on smooth muscle tissue. More specially, substance P is a pharmaceutically active neuropeptide that is produced in mammals (having originally been isolated from gut) and possesses a
30 characteristic amino acid sequence that is illustrated by Veber et al. in U.S. Patent No. 4,680,283. The wide involvement of substance P and other tachykinins in the pathophysiology of numerous diseases has been amply

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demonstrated in the art. For instance, substance P has recently been shown to be involved in the transmission of pain or migraine, as well as in central nervous system disorders such as anxiety and schizophrenia, in respiratory and inflammatory diseases such as asthma and rheumatoid arthritis, respectively, and in gastrointestinal disorders and diseases of GI tract, like ulcerative colitis and Crohn's diseases, etc. It is also reported that the tachykinin antagonists are useful for the treatment of allergic conditions, immunoregulation, vasodilation, bronchospasm, reflex or neuronal control of the viscera and senile dementia of the Alzheimer's type, emesis, sunburn and *Helicobacter pylori* infection.

Substance P is similar to bradykinin in function in that substance P stimulates: smooth muscle contraction, inflammation, and blood vessel dilation. Substance P also functions in neurotransmission, histamine release, and activation of the immune system. Substance P is synthesized in neurons and, similar to bradykinin, is degraded into inactive metabolites by ACE and NEP. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, substance P comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

VI.D. Dipeptidyl Peptidase IV (DPP IV)

Dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP-IV) is a serine protease that cleaves N-terminal dipeptides from a peptide chain containing, preferably, a proline residue in the penultimate position. Although the biological role of DPP-IV in mammalian systems has not been completely established, it is believed to play an important role in neuropeptide metabolism, T-cell activation, attachment of cancer cells to the endothelium, and the entry of HIV into lymphoid cells.

Various types of dipeptidyl peptidase IV have been purified and the enzymological properties have been revealed. For example, the dipeptidyl peptidase IV is isolated from rat liver (Hopsu-Havu & Glenner, (1966) *Histochem.* 7: 197-201), swine kidney (Barth et al., (1974) *Acta Biol. Med. Chem.* 32:157-174), small intestine (Svensson et al., (1978) *Eur. J. Biochem.* 90: 489-498), liver (Fukasawa et al., (1981) *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 657: 179-189), human submaxillary gland (Oya et al., (1972) *Biochim. Biophys.*

Acta 258: 591-599), sheep kidney (Yoshimoto & Walter, (1977) *Biochim. Biophys. Acta*, 485: 391-401; Yoshimoto et al., (1978) *J. Biol. Chem.* 253: 3708-3716) or microorganisms (Fukusawa & Harada, (1981) *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 210: 230-237; Yoshimoto & Tsuru, (1982) *Biochem.* 91:1899-1906).

- 5 The DPP IV enzyme is a serine exopeptidase that cleaves X-proline dipeptides from the N-terminus of polypeptides. It is an intrinsic membrane glycoprotein anchored into the cell membrane by its N-terminal end. Soluble forms of DPP IV are also known including those in the serum (Struyf et al., (1999) *J. Immunol.* 162: 4903-4909, incorporated herein by reference). High
- 10 levels of DPP IV enzyme are found in the brush-border membranes of the kidney proximal tubule and of the small intestine, but several other tissues also express the enzyme. DPP IV cleaves bradykinin and substance P into inactive (or reduced activity) metabolites as shown in Figures 4A and 4B. Table 2 discloses additional embodiments of DPP IV.

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TABLE 2Embodiments of GenBank Sequences for DPP4(DPP4 is generally referred to herein as DPP IV)

Nucleotide	Type	Protein
AH005372	g	AAB60646
U13710	g	AAB60646
U13711	g	AAB60646
U13712	g	AAB60646
U13713	g	AAB60646
U13714	g	AAB60646
U13715	g	AAB60646
U13716	g	AAB60646
U13717	g	AAB60646
U13718	g	AAB60646
U13719	g	AAB60646

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U13720	g	AAB60646
U13721	g	AAB60646
U13722	g	AAB60646
U13723	g	AAB60646
U13724	g	AAB60646
U13725	g	AAB60646
U13726	g	AAB60646
U13727	g	AAB60646
U13728	g	AAB60646
U13729	g	AAB60646
U13730	g	AAB60646
U13731	g	AAB60646
U13732	g	AAB60646
U13733	g	AAB60646
U13734	g	AAB60646
U13735	g	AAB60646
M74777	m	AAA51943
M80536	m	AAA52308
X60708	m	CAA43118

VI.E. Aminopeptidase P

Aminopeptidase P is known to cleave the N-terminal amino acid from peptides that have a prolyl residue in the second position (Orawski et al.,
5 (1987) *Mol. Cell. Biochem.* 75: 123-132; Simmons & Orawski, (1992) *J. Biol. Chem.* 267: 4897-4903; Yoshimoto et al., (1994) *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 311: 28-34). It has been suggested that membrane-bound aminopeptidase P has an important role *in vivo* in the pulmonary degradation of bradykinin (Ryan et al., (1994) *J. Pharmacol. Exper. Thera.* 269: 941-947; Ryan, (1989)
10 *Am. J. Physiol.* 257: L53-L60; Orawski (1987) *Mol. Cell. Biochem.* 75: 123-

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132; Orawski, (1989) *Adv. Exp. Med. Biol.* 2478: 355-364; Simmons & Orawski, (1992) *J. Biol. Chem.* 267, 4897-4903; Kitamura, (1995) *Br. J. Pharmacol.* 114: 6-7; Baker (1991) *Cir. Shock* 33: 37-47; Pesquero et al., (1992) *J. Hyperten.* 10: 1471-1478; Pasquero et al., (1992) *J. Hyperten.* 10: 1479-1484) by cleaving its Arg¹-Pro² bond. It has also been suggested that other peptidases could also play a role in bradykinin degradation (Orawski et al., (1989) *Adv. Exp. Med. Biol.* 2478: 355-364).

Several embodiments of the aminopeptidase P enzyme are useful in the present invention. Examples of useful embodiments are described herein, but are not meant to limit the present invention.

VI.E.1. Aminopeptidase P (Aminopeptidase 1, Soluble)

One embodiment is the APP referred to by *Homo sapiens* Official Gene Symbol and Name: XPNPEP1: X-prolyl aminopeptidase (aminopeptidase P) 1, soluble. Table 3 presents an additional embodiment of APP.

TABLE 3

Certain GenBank Sequences for Aminopeptidase P1

Nucleotide	Type	Protein
AF195530	m	AAF97866

VI.E.2. Aminopeptidase P (Aminopeptidase 2, Membrane-Bound)

Another useful embodiment is the APP referred to, in the NCBI LocusLink database, by *Homo sapiens* Official Gene Symbol and Name XPNPEP2: X-prolyl aminopeptidase (aminopeptidase P) 2, membrane-bound. Table 4 presents additional embodiments of APP2.

TABLE 4Certain GenBank Sequences for Aminopeptidase P2

Nucleotide	Type	Protein
AL023653	g	CAA19220
U90724	m	AAB96394

5 VII. Dipeptidyl Peptidase IV Activity Assay

The present invention also comprises an assay for dipeptidyl peptidase IV. In a preferred embodiment, the steps for performing the assay are as follows. Initially, samples comprising 0, 25, 50 and 100 units (e.g., nM/ml) of p-nitroaniline are prepared for generating a standard curve. p-nitroaniline is a known substrate for DPP IV. The standard curve is generated by determining the absorbance of the standard solutions of p-nitroaniline at 405 nm and are plotted on a graph as concentration versus absorbance.

To perform a DPP IV assay on a sample obtained from a subject (e.g., a human serum sample), 20 µl of sample is incubated with 10 µl of 2 mM Gly-Pro-p-nitroanilide in 170 µM 0.1 M Tris-HCl for 1 hour. The reaction is stopped by adding 800 µl sodium acetate (1 M, pH 4.5) and the absorbance is measured at 405 nm. The concentration of p-nitroaniline formed per ml per min is then calculated by employing a standard curve. The activity and/or presence of DPP IV in the sample can be determined by comparing the observed activity with a standard activity.

VIII. Aminopeptidase P Activity Assay

The present invention also comprises an aminopeptidase P activity assay. In a preferred embodiment, the steps for performing an APP assay are as follows. First, a calibration curve is prepared by monitoring fluorescence emission at 310 and 445 nm (excitation and emission wavelengths, respectively) from a range of concentrations of 1-arginine (0-5 mM).

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Next, a sample is provided (e.g. a human serum sample). 20 µl of the sample is incubated at 37°C with 180 µl HEPES buffer containing 5.6 mM Arg-Pro-Pro, yielding a final concentration of Arg-Pro-Pro of 0.5mM. Arg-Pro-Pro is a known substrate for APP. After an incubation period of two hours, the reaction is stopped by adding 800 µl of cold, anhydrous ethanol to the reaction mixture. The mixture is then centrifuged at 2000 x g at 4°C for 15 minutes. The supernatant is decanted and incubated at room temperature with 3 ml of a revelation buffer. APP activity is calculated as nmoles arginine released per min per ml of serum sample.

10 IX. Applications of the Present Invention

The present invention can be employed in a range of applications. Preferably, the present invention is employed in a situation in which a physician is contemplating a course of treatment comprising an ACE inhibitor, a vasopeptidase inhibitor and combinations thereof. In this situation, the present invention can be employed to minimize the risk that a patient might develop an angioedemic condition.

The present invention can be employed, for example, to identify a subject that is susceptible to developing an angioedemic condition during a course of treatment which comprises administering an ACE inhibitor, a vasopeptidase inhibitor or, as is commonly the case, a combination thereof. The present invention can also be employed to determine if administration of an ACE inhibitor, a vasopeptidase inhibitor, or a combination thereof, is contraindicated for a subject. In a related application, the present invention can be employed in a method of screening a subject for compatibility with administration of a vasopeptidase. Additionally, the present invention can be marketed in the form of diagnostic kits, which a physician or a researcher can employ to identify a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment which comprises administering an ACE inhibitor, a vasopeptidase inhibitor or, as is commonly the case, a combination thereof. These are just a few of the range of applications in which the present invention can be employed. These applications are described more fully herein below and in the Examples that follow.

IX.A. Method of Identifying a Subject That is Susceptible to
Developing an Angioedemic Condition During a Course of
Treatment

An aspect of the present invention is the observation that there is a
5 link between DPP IV and/or APP activity, ACE and/or vasopeptidase
inhibitors and the onset of an angioedemic condition. Thus, when a subject
is undergoing a course of treatment comprising administering an ACE
inhibitor, a vasopeptidase inhibitor or a combination thereof, it is preferable
to determine the activity of DPP IV and/or APP in a sample derived from the
10 subject. Depressed DPP IV and/or APP activity levels indicate that the
subject is at risk for developing an angioedemic condition as a result of the
course of treatment.

In a preferred embodiment of this application of the present invention,
a biological sample is initially provided by a subject. Preferably, the sample
15 is a serum sample. A sample can be acquired from a subject by employing
standard techniques, and will be dependent, in part, on the nature of the
sample. For example, when the sample comprises a sample of the subject's
blood, standard phlebotomic methods can be employed to acquire the
sample, which can be further processed as required (e.g. isolating a serum
20 component of sample).

Following sample acquisition and preparation (if required), a standard
DPP IV and/or APP activity is determined. A standard DPP IV and/or APP
activity can be determined by calculating DPP IV and/or APP activity in a
control group of subjects. The number of subjects can vary, but preferably,
25 the number of subjects is sufficiently large as to permit the identification of
significant activity measurement. Similarly, the genetic qualities of the
subjects can vary or can be held constant, at the preference of the
researcher. This calculated activity can be employed as a standard (i.e. a
standard DPP IV and/or APP activity), against which a subject's determined
30 DPP IV and/or APP activity is gauged.

Subsequently, DPP IV and/or APP activity present in the sample can
be determined. Both a standard DPP IV and/or APP, as well as DPP IV

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and/or APP activity present in a sample, can be measured by employing, for example, the activity assays disclosed herein, particularly in section VII (DPP IV activity) and in section VIII (APP activity).

When a value is determined for both a standard DPP IV and/or APP activity and DPP IV and/or APP activity present in a sample, the two values can be compared. If DPP IV and/or APP activity in the sample is found to be less than the activity of the control group (i.e., a standard activity) by about 10% or more, the subject is at risk for an angioedemic condition, should ACE and/or vasopectidase inhibitor therapy be started or continued. Thus, ACE and/or vasopectidase inhibitor therapy is contraindicated for subjects in which the DPP IV and/or APP activity of a sample is found to be less than the activity of the control group (i.e., a standard activity) by about 10% or more. On the other hand, ACE and/or vasopectidase inhibitor therapy can be tolerated and/or indicated for subjects in which the DPP IV and/or APP activity of a sample is found to be within about 10% or less of the activity of the control group (i.e. a standard activity).

A 20% or more reduction in the DPP IV and/or APP activity in the biological sample, as compared to the standard DPP IV and/or APP activity also indicates that the subject is susceptible to developing an angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopectidase inhibitor. Additionally, a 30% or more reduction in the DPP IV and/or APP activity in the biological sample, as compared to the standard DPP IV and/or APP activity indicates that the subject is susceptible to developing an angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopectidase inhibitor.

IX.B. Method of Determining Contraindication for Administration of a Vasopectidase Inhibitor, an ACE Inhibitor and Combinations Thereof

In another aspect of the present invention, a vasopectidate inhibitor, an ACE inhibitor and combinations thereof can be contraindicated if DPP IV and/or APP activity is found to fall outside the range of normal activities

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and/or amounts. APP and DPP IV activities can be determined by employing the assays disclosed in the present invention. In a preferred method of determining contraindication for administration of an ACE inhibitor or a vasopeptidase inhibitor to an individual, a biological sample obtained
5 from a subject is initially provided. Preferably, the biological sample comprises serum and is obtained from a human subject, although the method can also be performed in the context of an organism other than a human and a sample can comprise a material other than serum.

Next, a standard DPP IV activity and/or APP activity can be
10 determined and can be plotted to generate a standard curve. The standard DPP IV activity and/or APP activity can be determined by measuring a DPP IV and/or APP activity from a number of representative subjects. A standard DPP IV activity and/or APP activity measurement can serve as a benchmark against which a DPP IV activity and/or APP activity observed in a sample is
15 measured.

Following providing (and preparing, if desired) a biological sample, a DPP IV activity and/or a APP activity for the biological sample can be determined. The DPP IV and/or APP activities can be determined as disclosed herein, and are preferably performed under the same conditions
20 as were employed in generating the standard activity (i.e. the standard curve).

Observed DPP IV activity and/or APP activity in the biological sample can then be compared to the standard DPP IV activity and or APP activity. If the comparison indicates that DPP IV and/or APP activity in the biological
25 sample is below the normal range, administration of an ACE or a vasopeptidase inhibitor can be contraindicated. Contraindication of administration of an ACE inhibitor or a vasopeptidase inhibitor can impart the beneficial effect of decreasing or eliminating the chance that a subject will develop an angioedemic condition.

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IX.C. A Kit For Identifying a Subject at Risk for Angioedema During a Course of Treatment Comprising Administering an ACE Inhibitor, a Vasopeptidase Inhibitor or a Combination Thereof

In another aspect of the present invention, a kit for identifying a
5 subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising
administering an ACE inhibitor, a vasopeptidase inhibitor or a combination
thereof is disclosed. Such a kit can be employed by a physician, laboratory
researcher or other person desiring to identify an individual at risk for
developing an angioedemic condition. In a preferred embodiment, the kit
10 comprises a substrate for a DPP IV enzyme. Such a substrate preferably
comprises gly-pro-p-nitroanilide; however, other substrates can be
employed.

A kit of the present invention also preferable comprises a buffer,
which can function to maintain pH and other conditions in an optimal range
15 for a DPP assay. Any buffer adapted to maintain a set of desired conditions
(e.g., pH, tonicity, etc) can be employed in a kit. A reaction stop solution is
also preferably included in the kit. The reaction stop solution can be added
to a reaction mixture in order to halt any DPP IV-catalyzed reaction occurring
in the reaction mixture at a desired time point.

20 Additionally, a kit preferably comprises a set of instructions
comprising information on a range of dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in a
control population. The information contained in such a set of instructions
can advise a physician or researcher (or any person) who is employing the
kit on the question of how to compare a DPP IV activity observed in a
25 sample with a standard DPP IV activity. In other words, a set of instructions
can advise the user of the kit how to interpret the results of a test performed
by employing the kit. A set of instructions can also comprise step-by-step
directions on how a user can employ the various components of the kit to
generate an observed DPP IV activity from a sample. Thus, such a set of
30 instructions can comprise information on volumes of solutions to be added,
incubation time periods, wavelengths to monitor (if any) and other
parameters of a DPP IV assay.

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In practice, if an observed DPP IV activity falls within a range specified in a set of instructions, administering an ACE inhibitor, a vasopeptidase inhibitor or a combination thereof can be administered to a subject with the knowledge that the risk of the subject developing an angioedemic condition is minimal. Thus, such a kit can be employed to identify a subject at risk for developing an angioedemic condition before a course of treatment comprising administering a vasopeptidase inhibitor and/or an ACE inhibitor.

In another embodiment of a kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering an ACE inhibitor, a vasopeptidase inhibitor or a combination thereof, the kit comprises an APP substrate. A suitable APP substrate can comprise, for example, a peptide sequence comprising Arg-Pro-Pro. A dilution buffer can also be included and can be used to dilute a substrate solution or other concentrated solution supplied with the kit or derived from a sample acquired from a subject. A reaction stop solution can also be included, as well as a revelation buffer. The revelation buffer can assist in maintaining conditions under which APP activity in a sample can be determined. For example, if a colorimetric assay is employed, a revelation buffer can be employed to develop a degree of color. Alternatively, if a spectrophotometric assay is employed, the revelation buffer can be employed to maintain conditions under which a detectable reaction product can remain in a detectable state (i.e. undegraded).

Additionally, a set of instructions comprising information on a range of APP activity in a control population can be provided with a kit of the present invention. As described above in the context of DPP IV, if an observed APP activity falls within a range specified in a set of instructions, administering an ACE inhibitor, a vasopeptidase inhibitor or a combination thereof can be administered to a subject with the knowledge that the risk of the subject developing an angioedemic condition is minimal. Thus, such a kit can be employed to identify a subject at risk for developing an angioedemic

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condition before a course of treatment comprising administering a vasopeptidase inhibitor and/or an ACE inhibitor.

In yet another embodiment, a kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering an ACE inhibitor, a vasopeptidase inhibitor or a combination comprises an ACE inhibitor and/or a vasopeptidase inhibitor; and a packaging material comprising information that the vasopeptidase inhibitor is contraindicated for individuals with a serum DPP IV enzyme activity and/or a serum APP enzyme activity below a normal range, which can be specified in the packaging material.

IX.D. Method of Marketing a Vasopeptidase and/or an ACE Inhibitor

A method of marketing a vasopeptidase and/or an ACE inhibitor is also disclosed. In one embodiment, information about a diagnostic test adapted to identify a subject that is susceptible to angioedema as a result of taking the vasopeptidase inhibitor during a course of treatment comprising administering an ACE inhibitor, a vasopeptidase inhibitor, or a combination thereof is provided. When it is known that a given subject might be at risk for developing an angioedemic condition, this information can comprise an element of a marketing approach. In this way, a vasopeptidase and/or ACE inhibitor can be marketed to individuals who can tolerate these inhibitors, while subjects that might be susceptible to developing an angioedemic condition as a result of a course of treatment comprising these inhibitors can be advised of this risk.

This information can be presented to a consumer, whether the consumer is a physician or a subject, at the time an inhibitor is purchased. Alternatively, the information can be presented to a consumer at a point prior to purchase. This method of marketing can be advantageous because it is not only a marketing tool, but can also decrease the risk of a subject developing an angioedemic condition.

X. Illustrative Examples of Preferred Embodiments

This section of the present disclosure provides illustrative examples of the application of the present invention. The Illustrative Examples, therefore,

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provide additional guidance in the application of the present invention. These illustrative examples resemble medical case studies, since the present invention is preferably suited to therapeutic application (and therefore of particular benefit to physicians), in addition to being a valuable

5 research tool. The Illustrative Examples are ordered similarly; first, facts of the case are presented, and subsequently, several outcomes are presented. These outcomes describe treatments a physician can recommend. In the Illustrative Examples, the physician in the examples arrives at his or her recommendation as a result of employing the present invention. In other

10 words, the physician orders a test, which involves various aspects of the present invention (i.e. a determination of DPP IV activity, APP activity, etc). The physician then evaluates the results of the test and recommends a course of treatment. Thus, the alternative outcomes presented in the Illustrative Examples are based on the results of the test or tests ordered by

15 the physician. The Illustrative Examples, therefore, serve to demonstrate how the present invention can be employed in a clinical setting.

Illustrative Example 1

A 55-year-old African American woman smoker with diabetic nephropathy presents to clinic with poorly controlled hypertension. She is

20 taking hydrochlorothiazide alone for treatment of her hypertension. Because of the patient's diabetic nephropathy the patient's physician determines that an ACE inhibitor is the drug of choice for treatment of her high blood pressure. However, based on demographic factors, the physician calculates that the patient's risk of ACE inhibitor-associated angioedema is high

25 (1:400). (One of ordinary skill in the art is able to calculate an individual's risk based upon the scientific literature and the race of the patients.) He therefore draws blood for measurement of DPP IV activity and APP activity prior to starting her on an ACE inhibitor.

Outcome A of Illustrative Example 1

30 The patient's DPP IV and APP activities are found to be normal and she carries no genetic alleles associated with decreased activity. On this

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basis, the physician calculates that the patient's risk of angioedema is lower than predicted by demographics and starts her on an ACE inhibitor.

Outcome B of Example 1

The patient is found to have decreased DPP IV activity. On this basis
5 her calculated risk of angioedema is unacceptably high and the physician chooses an alternative therapy.

Illustrative Example 2

A 64-year-old African American man with dilated cardiomyopathy and a history of congestive heart failure presents to the emergency room with
10 swelling of his lips and oropharynx. On examination he is noted to be stridorous and he is intubated to protect his airway. He is given intravenous corticosteroids and histamine H₁ and H₂ antagonists. Prior to admission he was taking the diuretic furosemide, the ACE inhibitor lisinopril, and the aldosterone receptor antagonist spironolactone. He has taken the ACE
15 inhibitor for at least four years and has never had any previous episode of angioedema. Five days prior to admission he was started on the antibiotic ciprofloxacin for a urinary tract infection. It was not clear to the patient's physician whether his angioedema was related to his use of an ACE inhibitor. Given the proven benefit of ACE inhibitors as treatment in patients
20 with left ventricular dysfunction, the physician desired to continue therapy, if possible. The physician draws blood samples for measurement of C₁ esterase inhibitor activity, APP and DPP IV activity, as well as a sample for extraction and analysis of DNA markers and sequences.

Outcome A of Illustrative Example 2

25 C₁ esterase inhibitor activity is found to be normal, excluding C₁ esterase inhibitor deficiency associated hereditary angioedema. However, DPP IV activity is found to be below the normal range. It is determined that it is not safe to restart the patient's ACE inhibitor, since the risk of angioedema is high.

Outcome B of Illustrative Example 2

The C₁ esterase inhibitor activity is found to be normal, excluding C₁ esterase inhibitor associated hereditary angioedema. The DPP IV activity is found to be below the normal range. The physician determines that
5 treatment with the ACE inhibitor is still the best possible mode of treatment, once the angioedema is resolved, and the physician wants to determine if biomarkers and biochemical indicators (e.g., DPP IV activity) reveal that the angioedema was an isolated episode possibly related to some other exposure. Thus, the DPP IV activity is measured again in about 2 weeks or
10 more after the first measurement (or after the angioedema has resolved).

Outcome B1 of Illustrative Example 2

The DPP IV activity found to remain depressed even after the angioedema has resolved. The physician determines that the risk of a recurrent episode of angioedema is high and orders that the
15 ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor treatment should not be restarted.

Outcome B2 of Illustrative Example 2

The DPP IV activity found to increase sufficiently after the angioedema has resolved or returns to normal, such that the physician determines that the angioedema was related to an isolated acquired
20 influence. The physician determines that the patient's episode of angioedema is likely related to concurrent ciprofloxacin administration and that the risk of a recurrent episode of angioedema is low. The ACE or vasopeptidase inhibitor treatment is restarted at the original dose level or, alternatively, at a lower dose than the original dose of ACE or vasopeptidase
25 inhibitor.

Illustrative Example 3

A physician determines that a patient is in need of treatment with an ACE/vasopeptidase inhibitor. A blood sample is drawn from the patient and is processed to obtain a serum sample. The DPP IV and/or APP activity is
30 determined for the individual. The patient is started on the inhibitor(s). The DPP IV and/or APP enzyme activity is checked periodically to determine the

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risk for angioedema and to determine if the risk is changing. The period between tests can be any period selected by the physician. In certain examples the period is about one week, in certain examples the period is about six months and in certain examples the period varies from test to test.

5 Illustrative Example 4

Example 4 is the same as Example 3, except that the patient develops angioedema during the course of treatment with the inhibitor(s). Treatment with the inhibitor(s) is suspended until the angioedema is resolved and until the DPP IV and/or APP enzyme activity is found to be at a safe
10 level(s) to resume treatment with the inhibitor(s).

Laboratory Examples

The following Laboratory Examples have been included to illustrate preferred modes of the invention. Certain aspects of the following Laboratory Examples are described in terms of techniques and procedures
15 found or contemplated by the present inventors to work well in the practice of the invention. These Laboratory Examples are exemplified through the use of standard laboratory practices of the inventors. In light of the present disclosure and the general level of skill in the art, those of skill will appreciate that the following Laboratory Examples are intended to be exemplary only
20 and that numerous changes, modifications and alterations can be employed without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

Laboratory Example 1

One use of DPP IV enzyme activity as a biological marker is demonstrated in FIG. 5. In this example, DPP IV activity is in a range of
25 about 28 to about 42 nM/ml/min in a control group. The control group comprises subjects that have received an ACE or vasopeptidase inhibitor and do not have angioedema (they are normotensive). Thus, 28 to 42 nM/ml/min is considered to be the normal range or control range for this particular population, in this example. DPP IV activity in a group of
30 hypertensive subjects who have received an ACE inhibitor, but were free from angioedema, is in a range above the normotensive control group in this experiment. Thus, above 28 and preferably above 40 nM/ml/min is

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considered to be the normal range or control range for this particular group (for example, 40 to 50 nM/ml/min; for another example 40 to more than 40 nM/ml/min). A group receiving an ACE inhibitor and presenting with acute angioedema has reduced DPP IV enzymatic activity. The subject range is

5 between 18 and 27 nM/ml/min, in this example. Thus, this group shows a reduction in the average and the median DPP IV activity compared to the hypertensive group. There is a significant difference in the ranges of DPP IV activity between these groups and the significance is greater than or equal to a 95% confidence interval.

10 Referring now to Table 5, Column A (NTN) is normotensive controls. Column B (HTN) is hypertensive controls (received ACE inhibitor at some time). Column C is a subject group with acute angioedema and receiving ACE inhibitor. Values that are outside a "range" can be outside of the 95% confidence interval, for example.

15 TABLE 5 - RESULTS OF A CLINICAL TRIAL

X Labels	A	B	C	D	E
X Labels	NTN	HTN	ACEI AE	ACEI AE	non-ACEI AE
X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Number of values	21	10	5	7	2
Minimum	24.80	28.08	23.97	19.68	41.25
25% Percentile	34.21	30.28		31.61	
Median	38.06	35.41	24.61	35.57	42.06
75% Percentile	42.80	39.17		43.15	
Maximum	51.59	39.75	28.38	43.57	42.87
Mean	37.76	34.59	25.32	35.12	42.06
Std. Deviation	6.300	4.243	1.774	8.511	1.146
Std. Error	1.375	1.342	0.7935	3.217	0.8100
Lower 95% CI	34.90	31.55	23.12	27.25	31.77

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Upper 95% CI	40.63	37.62	27.53	42.99	52.35
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It will be understood that various details of the invention may be changed without departing from the scope of the invention. Moreover, it is not the inventor's desire to be bound by theory or mechanism. Any theory or mechanism presented herein is included solely to supplement the disclosure, and should not be interpreted to impose any limitation on the claims presented hereinbelow. Therefore, the foregoing description is for the purpose of illustration only, and not for the purpose of limitation—the invention being defined by the claims.

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of identifying a subject that is susceptible to developing an angioedemic condition during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor, comprising:
 - (a) providing a biological sample from a subject;
 - (b) determining a dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample; and
 - 10 (c) comparing a dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample to a standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity, wherein a 10% or more reduction in the sample activity compared to the standard indicates that the subject is susceptible to developing an angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the vasopeptidase inhibitor comprises an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the vasopeptidase inhibitor
20 comprises a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the subject is a human.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein a 20% or more reduction in the dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample, as compared to the standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity indicates that the subject is
25 susceptible to developing an angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein a 30% or more reduction in the dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample, as compared to the
30 standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity indicates that the subject is susceptible to developing an angioedema during a course of treatment

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comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor.

7. A method of identifying a subject that is susceptible to developing an angioedemic condition during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor, comprising:

- (a) providing a biological sample from a subject;
- (b) determining an aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample; and
- 10 (c) comparing an aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample to a standard aminopeptidase P activity, wherein a 10% or more reduction in the sample activity compared to the standard indicates that the subject is susceptible to developing an angioedema during a course of treatment comprising
15 administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the vasopeptidase inhibitor comprises an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the vasopeptidase inhibitor
20 comprises a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor.

10. The method of claim 7, wherein the subject is a human.

11. The method of claim 7, wherein a 20% or more reduction in the aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample, as compared to the standard aminopeptidase P activity indicates that the subject is susceptible
25 to developing an angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor.

12. The method of claim 7, wherein a 30% or more reduction in the aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample, as compared to the standard aminopeptidase P activity indicates that the subject is susceptible
30 to developing an angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor.

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13. A method of determining contraindication for administration of one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor to an individual, comprising:

- (a) providing a biological sample from a subject;
- 5 (b) determining a dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample; and
- (c) comparing a dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample to a standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity, wherein administration of the vasopeptidase inhibitor is contraindicated
10 when the dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample is outside the standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the vasopeptidase inhibitor is an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor.

- 15 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the vasopeptidase inhibitor is a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor.

16. A method of determining contraindication for administration of one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor, comprising:

- (a) providing a biological sample obtained from a subject;
- 20 (b) determining an aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample; and
- (c) comparing an aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample to a standard aminopeptidase P activity, wherein administration of the vasopeptidase inhibitor is contraindicated
25 when the aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample is outside the standard aminopeptidase P activity range.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the vasopeptidase inhibitor comprises an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor.

- 30 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the vasopeptidase inhibitor comprises a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor.

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19. A method of screening an individual for compatibility with an administration of one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopectidase inhibitor, comprising:

- (a) providing a biological sample obtained from a subject;
- 5 (b) determining a dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample; and
- (c) comparing a dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in the biological sample to a standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range, wherein administration of the vasopectidase inhibitor is
10 contraindicated when the sample activity is outside the standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range, and wherein administration of the vasopectidase inhibitor is indicated when the sample activity is either within or above the standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range.

15 20. The method of claim 19, wherein the vasopectidase inhibitor comprises an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor.

21. The method of claim 19, wherein the vasopectidase inhibitor comprises a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor.

22. A method of screening an individual for compatibility with an
20 administration of one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopectidase inhibitor, comprising:

- (a) providing a biological sample obtained from a subject;
- (b) determining an aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample; and
- 25 (c) comparing an aminopeptidase P activity in the biological sample to a standard aminopeptidase P activity range, wherein administration of a vasopectidase inhibitor is contraindicated when the sample activity is below the standard aminopeptidase P activity range, and wherein administration of the
30 vasopectidase inhibitor is indicated when the sample activity is

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either equal to or above the standard aminopeptidase P activity range.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein the vasopectidase inhibitor comprises an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor.

5 24. The method of claim 22, wherein the vasopectidase inhibitor comprises a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor.

25. A kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopectidase inhibitor, comprising:

- 10 (a) a substrate of a dipeptidyl peptidase IV enzyme;
 (b) a buffer;
 (c) a reaction stop solution; and
 (c) a set of instructions comprising information on a standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range.

15 26. The kit of claim 25, further comprising a calibration solution for calibration of the reaction.

27. The kit of claim 25, wherein the substrate comprises Gly-Pro-p-nitroanilide.

20 28. A kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopectidase inhibitor, comprising:

- (a) an aminopeptidase P enzyme substrate;
 (b) a dilution buffer;
 (c) a reaction stop solution;
25 (d) a revelation buffer; and
 (d) a set of instructions comprising information on a standard aminopeptidase P activity range.

29. The kit of claim 28, further comprising a calibration solution for calibration of the reaction.

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30. The kit of claim 28, wherein the substrate comprises the peptide Arg-Pro-Pro.

31. A kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a
5 vasopeptidase inhibitor, comprising:

- (a) a vasopeptidase inhibitor; and
- (b) a packaging material comprising information that the vasopeptidase inhibitor is contraindicated for individuals with a serum dipeptidyl peptidase IV enzyme activity outside a
10 standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range.

32. A kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor, comprising:

- (a) a vasopeptidase inhibitor; and
- 15 (b) a packaging material comprising information that the vasopeptidase inhibitor is contraindicated for individuals with a serum aminopeptidase P enzyme activity outside a standard aminopeptidase P activity range.

33. A kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a
20 course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopeptidase inhibitor, comprising:

- (a) a vasopeptidase inhibitor; and
- (b) a packaging material, wherein the packaging material comprises information that the vasopeptidase inhibitor is
25 indicated for individuals with a serum dipeptidyl peptidase IV enzyme activity within a standard dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity range.

34. A kit for identifying a subject at risk for angioedema during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a
30 vasopeptidase inhibitor, comprising:

- (a) a vasopeptidase inhibitor; and

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- (b) a packaging material, wherein the packaging material comprises information that the vasopectidase inhibitor is indicated for individuals with a serum aminopeptidase P enzyme activity within a standard aminopeptidase P activity range.

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35. A method of marketing a vasopectidase inhibitor comprising providing information about a diagnostic test adapted to identify a subject that is susceptible to angioedema as a result of taking the vasopectidase inhibitor during a course of treatment comprising administering one of an ACE inhibitor and a vasopectidase inhibitor.

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36. The method of claim 35, wherein the vasopectidase inhibitor comprises an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor.

37. The method of claim 35, wherein the vasopectidase inhibitor comprises a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor.

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38. The method of claim 35, wherein the diagnostic test comprises detecting dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity in a biological sample derived from the subject.

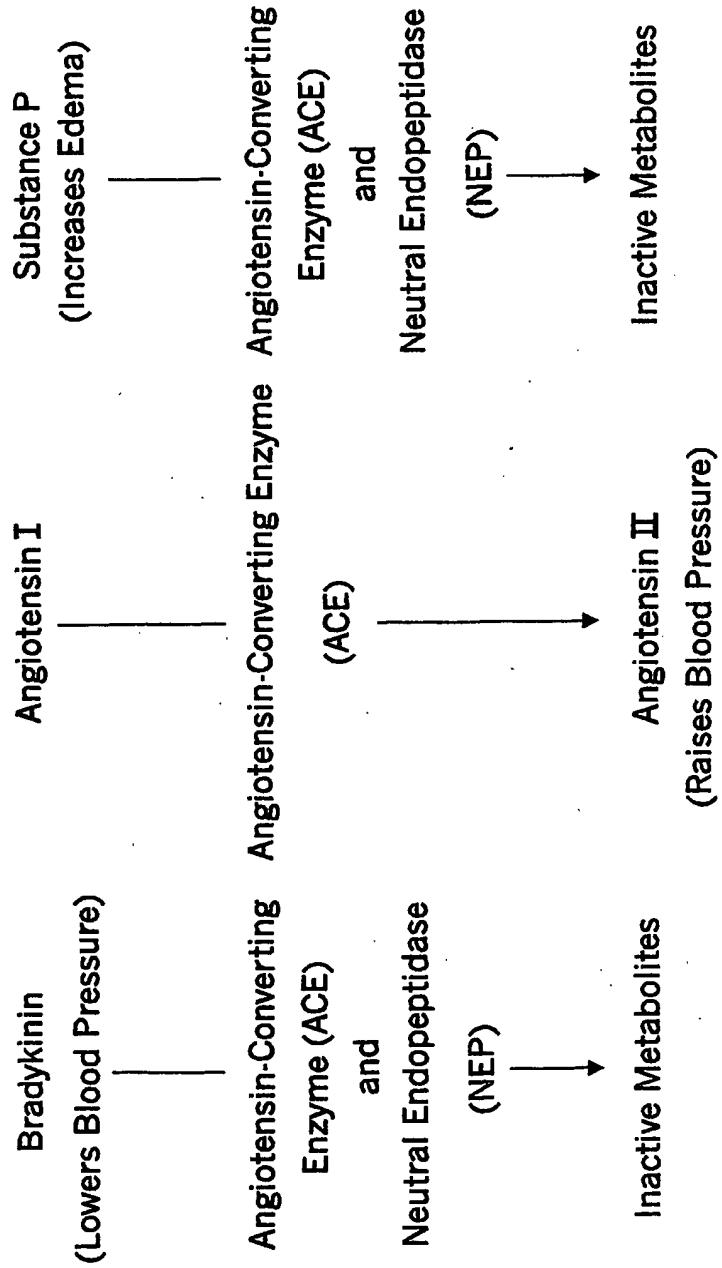
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39. The method of claim 35, wherein the diagnostic test comprises detecting aminopeptidase P activity in a biological sample derived from the subject.

40. The method of claim 35, wherein the subject is a human.

FIG. 1

Selected Portions of the Renin-Angiotensin System (RAS) and Substance P



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FIG. 3

Catalysis of Ang I to Ang II by ACE

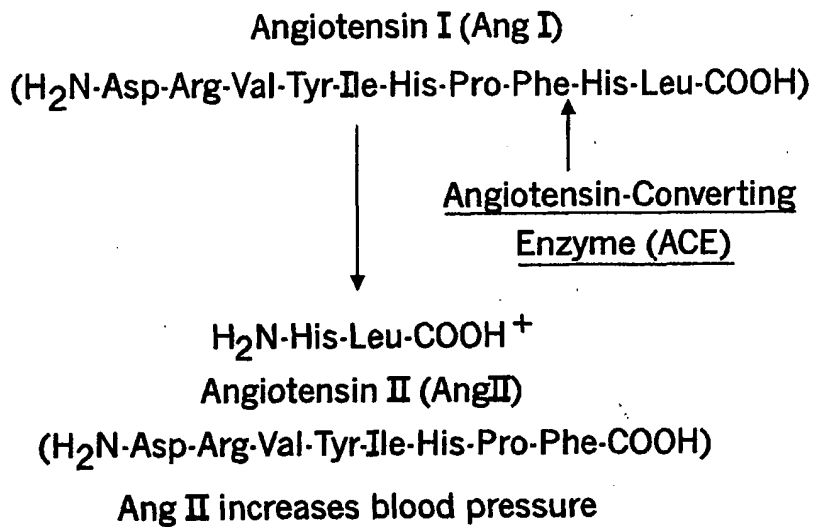
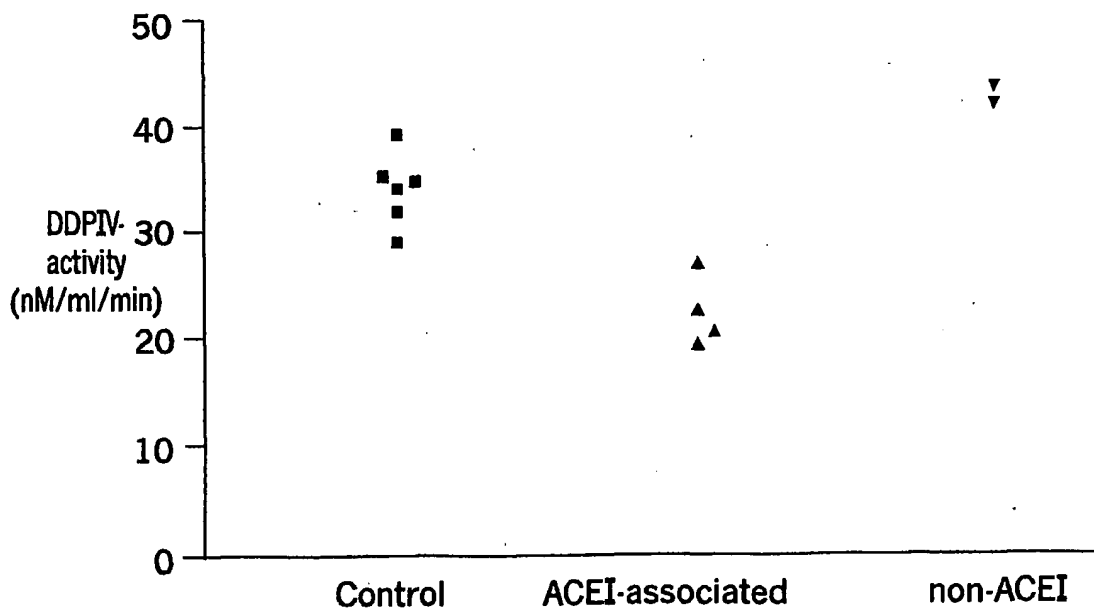


FIG. 5



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FIG. 4A

Enzymatic Pathways Acting on Bradykinin

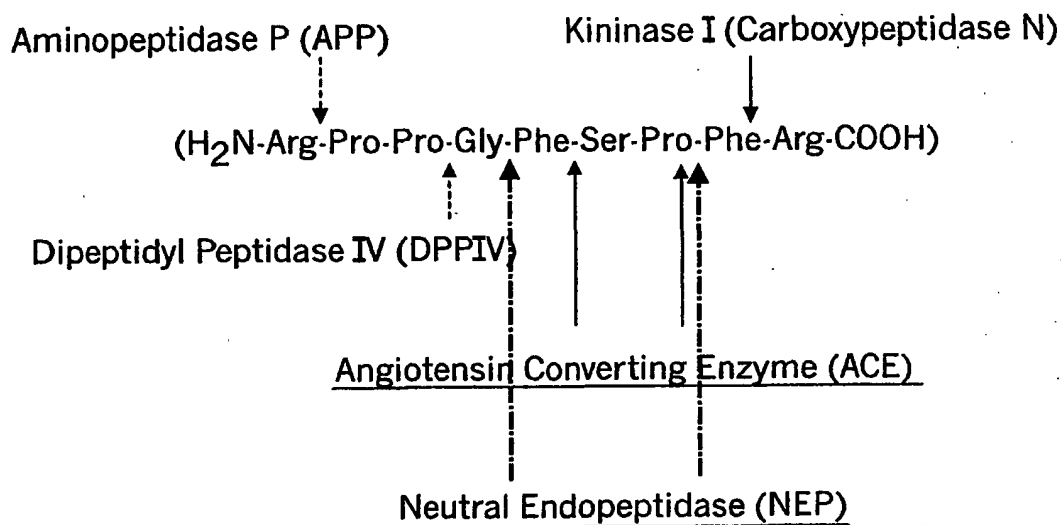
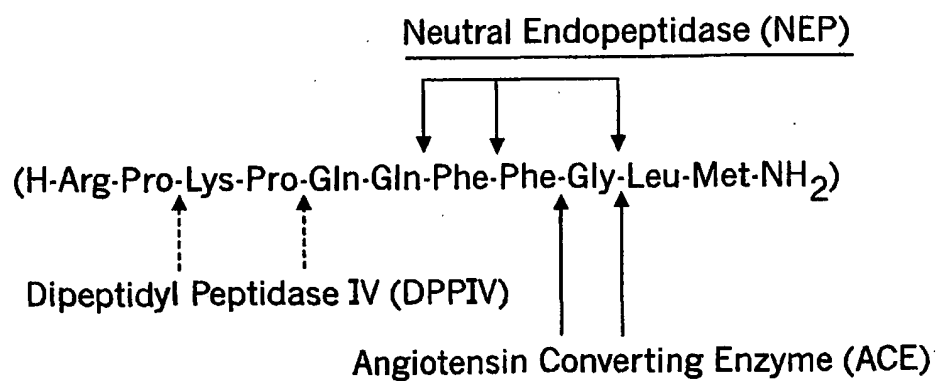


FIG. 4B

Enzymatic Pathways Acting on Substance P



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